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Probation Appoints Lonnie Folchert as Chief Probation Officer of the New Probation District #11 in North Platte

Lonnie Folchert has been appointed the new Chief Probation Officer for Probation District #11 in North Platte effective January 1, 2009. The Chief Probation Officer position is being filled due to the death of long-time Chief Probation Officer, Doug Watson.

Lonnie began his employment with the Nebraska Probation System as a Juvenile Intensive Supervision Officer in Ogallala in December 1991 and was appointed ISP Coordinator in May of 1994. In 2002 Lonnie was awarded Probation's Bob Keller Award for Outstanding Supervisor of the Year.

During Lonnie's Probation career he has sought to improve the image of Probation with offenders, the public, law enforcement, and other stakeholders. Lonnie has received training in Motivational Interviewing, drug recognition, the National Institute of Corrections Foundation Skills for Trainers, Moral Reconation Therapy, electronic monitoring, Level of Service/Case Management and other assessment instruments.

Lonnie graduated from Chadron State College with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. He serves on the district's evidence-based practices (EBP) implementation team as well as Probation's Community Corrections Programs Committee, Training Committee and Interstate Compact Committee.

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